

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Swadesh Darshan Scheme
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running "Swadesh Darshan" scheme to develop the tourist places;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the places selected under this scheme; and
- (d) the facilities provided/to be provided to develop the tourist places in this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): For Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15.

Under the Scheme, thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme since 2014-15 are annexed.

Under the scheme, Central Financial Assistance is provided mainly for development/creation of tourism related infrastructure such as construction of tourist facilitation/information centres, restoration/ conservation/illumination of heritage structures, parking, wayside amenities, souvenir shops, nature trails, rain shelters, log huts, helipads, sound and light show, adventure/water sports facilities/equipment, convention centre, lighting, signages, last mile connectivity, sewage treatment plant, open air theatre/amphitheaters etc.
